

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title in lines 1 and 2 of page 1 with the following amended title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING STRANDED ALUMINUM METAL CABLES OF DIFFERENT GAUGES FROM WIRES ALL OF THE SAME CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA

Please replace the Abstract on page 20 of the specification with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A method of Apparatus for producing a range of~~ stranded aluminum metal cables of different gauge from ~~aluminum~~ wires all of the same initial cross-sectional area. The ~~method involves~~ apparatus has equipment for assembling and stranding a first set of the wires to form a first cable and subsequently assembling and stranding other sets of the wires to form additional cables. At least two adjustable roll sets are provided for separately reducing the cross-sectional area of the wires prior to assembling the wires into the cables, ~~Prior to the assembling of at least one set of the wires for the formation of at least one of the cables, the wires are reduced in cross-sectional area in at least two rolling steps, each rolling step~~ roll set causing a reduction in cross-sectional area less than an amount at which brittleness of the wires wire commences, preferably less than 40% reduction, preferably no more than 30% and ideally less than 25%. ~~The invention also relates to an apparatus for carrying out the method.~~